

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 25-32 were pending in the application. Claims 1-18 are withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims 25-32 are examined on their merits and are rejected only under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

The specification is amended to include a cross-reference to related applications section as preferred by the USPTO. No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C.102

Claims 25-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Stein (US 6,582,679 B2). The Examiner's rejection has been carefully considered.

The rejected claims recite a method that provides a hair wax composition containing at least 20 to 60 percent by weight of water and at least 10 to 50 by weight of at least one monohydric alcohol. Stein discloses a hair wax composition containing a MAXIMUM of 10% by weight of water and up to 10% alcohol (column 6, lines 44-51). Accordingly, Stein clearly does not anticipate the presently claimed invention.

In view of the foregoing arguments, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 25-32 under 35 U.S.C. 102 be withdrawn.

Additionally, Applicant notes that Stein neither teaches nor suggests a hair wax composition containing at least 20 to 60 percent by weight of water and at least 10 to 50 by weight of at least one monohydric alcohol. To the contrary, Stein explicitly and

specifically limits the amounts of water and alcohol to be contained in the hair wax composition.

Conclusion

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

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